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HELLO NEIGHBORS!

I hope that you are all staying cool this summer! In the pages of this newsletter, you will find updates about the PA state budget that we passed, grant funding that I helped secure for projects and organizations within the district, legislation I introduced and passed to improve Black maternal health, address inequities in healthcare, and expand access to resources.

It is an honor to represent you in Harrisburg, and I will continue fighting to strengthen our community. Remember, my district office is here to help with a wide range of state services. Please call or stop by to see how we can assist you!



Governor Shapiro signing our state budget!

PENNSYLVANIA BUDGET DELIVERS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

I'm proud to support Pennsylvania's bipartisan 2026–27 state budget, which invests in strong public schools, affordable healthcare, safer neighborhoods, and working families. It creates opportunities for every Pennsylvanian while strengthening the services our communities rely on every day.

Education remains a top priority. Here in the 24th Legislative District, Pittsburgh Public Schools will receive an additional \$1.3 million in state funding, and \$100 million for safety and mental health.

EDUCATION INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- **\$670 million** in statewide public education funding.
- **\$58 million** increase in Basic Education Funding.
- **\$100 million** for school security and student mental health.
- **\$47 million** increase in Special Education Funding.

At a time when federal healthcare funding faces great uncertainty, Pennsylvania is continuing to prioritize care for children, seniors, people with disabilities, and working families so they can access the healthcare they need.

HEALTHCARE INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- **\$615.2 million** increase for the Medical Assistance managed care program for a total of **\$9.4 billion**.
- **\$484.7 million** increase for Medical Assistance Capitation for a total of **\$3.5 billion**.
- **\$130.5 million** increase for Medical Assistance Community HealthChoices for a total of **\$5.9 billion**.
- **\$5.6 million** increase for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for a total of **\$98.6 million**.
- **\$41.2 million** increase for mental health services for a total of **\$979.8 million**.

The budget also includes important investments that will make a real difference in people's daily lives.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS INCLUDE:

- **\$200 million** for the Pennsylvania Working Families Tax Credit.
- **Expansion** of the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program to **\$62.2 million**.
- **\$40 million** for the Student Teacher Support program.
- **\$30 million** for the Child Care Recruitment and Retention Program.
- **\$24 million** for rape crisis centers, doubling last year's investment.
- **\$7 million** for SNAP/EBT chip cards to reduce theft and fraud.
- **\$3.75 million** for the Historically Disadvantaged Business Assistance program.
- **The first cost-of-living adjustment** in 25 years for nearly 60,000 retired educators, local police officers and firefighters who retired before 2002.
- **A 35.8% increase** in statewide enforcement efforts targeting human trafficking and child predators.

By strengthening education, expanding healthcare access, supporting families, and creating safer communities, this budget demonstrates everything we can accomplish when we invest in people.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WINS IN THE PA BUDGET

As Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Black Maternal Health Caucus, I am proud that this budget makes a historic \$38.6 million investment in Black maternal and maternal healthcare initiatives. These resources will address racial disparities, expand access to quality care, and save lives, especially since 98% of maternal deaths in Pennsylvania are preventable.

I also spoke at the Disability and Mental Health Summit in Pittsburgh and celebrated the court decision overturning Pennsylvania’s ban on using state Medicaid funds for abortion. We believe every Pennsylvanian deserves reproductive autonomy, regardless of income.

PA MOMNIBUS 2.0 PROGRESS

The PA Black Maternal Health Caucus continues advancing maternal health legislation, with several bills from the Pennsylvania MOMNIBUS 2.0 package now passed by the House.

HB 432

REP. GINA H. CURRY

Addressing maternal health deserts through maternal care access zones

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 526

REP. JENNIFER O'MARA

Pumping coverage in the Freedom to Breastfeed Act

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 707

REP. LA'TASHA D. MAYES

Nursing parent rooms in state buildings

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1088

REP. MANDY STEELE

Blood pressure monitors coverage in private insurance

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1192

REP. CHRIS PIELLI

Moms and substance abuse diversion court

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1212

REP. ABNEY | REP. CEPHAS

PA Dads Matter Act

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1234

REP. LA'TASHA D. MAYES

Blood pressure monitors coverage in Medicaid

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1240

REP. MAYES | REP. CURRY

Maternal and Newborn Supply Kit pilot program

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1628

REP. CEPHAS

Safeguarding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage through 1-year Postpartum

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

REP. GINA H. CURRY'S BILL PACKAGE

Expanding Midwifery Access & Authority for Healthier Communities

HB 1251

Physical Therapy Practice Act granting nurse-midwives authority to refer patients

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

HB 1851

Allowing certified nurse-midwives to complete fetal death certificates.

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

REP. MAYES | REP. BROWN

Continuing Education in Trauma-Informed Maternity Care

Introduced

Passed House

Passed Senate

Signed Into Law

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BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

In April, we hosted Black Maternal Health Week at the Capitol, themed “Justice & Joy.” Hundreds gathered to celebrate, advocate for Black maternal health, and center Black mothers, birth workers, and advocates.

We were honored to welcome Mercedes and Leon Wells, who shared their powerful story after Mercedes was turned away from an Indiana hospital and gave birth on the side of the road.

From the opening ceremony and fireside chat to the reception, film screening, press conference, hearings, and legislative meetings, each event highlighted progress and the work ahead. Together, we remain committed to advancing Black maternal health and ending Black maternal mortality and morbidity.

Black Maternal Health Caucus Budget Wins:

Black Maternal Health \$5,239,000

Newborn Screening \$7,329,000

Maternal & Child Health \$1,447,000

Medical Assistance - Obstetrics/Neonatal Services \$10,682,000

Total: \$38,586,000

Nurse Family Partnership \$13,889,000

Black Maternal Health Week at the Capitol

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE DISTRICT



Homewood Pool Opening



Pittsburgh Pride 2026



National Night Out



Rent Rebate Clinic in Garfield



Boys and Girls Club
EmpowHER Event



Humane Animal Rescue
Vaccination Clinic in Homewood



NFL Draft 2026



A Taste of the Hill District



Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Spring
Hat Luncheon in Highland Park



Allies Ribbon-Cutting in
East Liberty

\$12.8 MILLION COLLECTIVELY IN GRANTS AWARDED IN OUR DISTRICT!

- \$600,000 to TomTom24 Development LLC
- \$2,146,517 to Hellbender Pittsburgh AI Driven
- \$1,500,000 to Kelly Strayhorn Theater
- \$500,000 to MLK Center for Scientific Excellence
- \$500,000 to Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation
- \$400,000 to The Neighborhood Academy
- \$500,000 to the City of Pittsburgh
- \$350,000 to PCHS Homewood Complex II
- \$125,000 to Amani Christian Community Development Corp.
- \$125,000 to Rising Tide Partners in East Hills
- \$250,000 to Lemington Residential Corp.
- \$100,000 to Hill Community Development Corp.
- \$100,000 to Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard
- \$125,000 to Willissae's Agency for Vision and Empowerment
- \$200,000 to East Liberty Development Inc.
- \$750,000 to ACTION-Housing Inc.
- \$200,000 to Catapult Greater Pittsburgh
- \$100,000 to Jubilee Association Inc.
- \$200,000 to Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Corp.
- \$200,000 to Za'kiyah Houses
- \$200,000 to Women for a Healthy Environment
- \$100,000 to Pittsburgh Housing Development Corp.
- \$290,030 to the Bible Center Church for The Oasis Project
- \$500,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters Greater Pittsburgh
- \$258,000 to Brothers and Sisters Emerging
- \$282,600 to Grounded Strategies
- \$499,500 to Homewood Children's Village
- \$500,000 to Latino Community Center
- \$379,863 to The Kingsley Association
- \$499,591 to Youth Enrichment Services
- \$150,000 to Allen Enterprises and Development, LLC

To learn about each of these projects,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Farm-to-Family Food Distribution

Friday, September 18th
12 Noon – 4 p.m.
1850 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA

Maternal Health Fair

Thursday, October 8th
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
East End Cooperative Ministries
6140 Station St., Entrance A

Veterans' Fair

Thursday, November 12th
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Veterans Breakfast Club
5850 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, PA

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- PRT Cards
- Vehicle Registration & License Applications
- Disability Plates & Placards
- Birth/Death Certificates
- Unemployment Compensation
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms
- SNAP & Other DHS Benefits
- Any State Government Concern & More

